

**DOWNTOWN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT  
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
JANUARY 30, 2015  
FINAL MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**Present:** Andy Bales, Dilip Bhavnani, Ernie Doizaki, Sylvia Kavoukjian, Howard Klein, Matt Klein, Larry Rauch, Mark Shinbane.

**Absent:** Jim Barich, Richard Gardner, Bob Smiland.

**STAFF:** Raquel K. Beard, Edward Camarillo, Fred Faustino

**Consultant:** Ken Coelho, RBZ; Estela Lopez, Kindel Gagan; and Don Steier, Guzin & Steier

**Guests:** Lt. Billy Brockway, Capt. Donald Graham, Councilmember Jose Huizar, SLO Mark Hyland, Gloria Molina.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Shinbane called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No public comment.

**III. COUNCIL DISTRICT 14 CANDIDATE- GLORIA MOLINA**

Molina spoke about some of the issues/concerns in CD14 and Skid Row in particular, and shared her vision for district if she were to win the election. Molina took questions from the board and members of the public.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Rauch made a motion to approve the November 25, 2014 minutes, and H. Klein seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

## **V. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Coelho reported that the BID ended the year even at zero, and the BID received \$30,000 in prior BID funds.**

## **VI. OPERATIONS**

### **Report On Maintenance & Security Issues**

**During the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, the BID public safety officers handled a total of 5,550 incidents, and 772 extra patrols. Maintenance 4<sup>th</sup> quarter totals include 15,065 bags of trash collected (227 tons); 99 instances of graffiti removed; 960 bulky items removed; and 98 weeded blocks in the District.**

### **LAPD Update:**

**Central Area Capt. Graham and Lt. Brockway both expressed that most of the crimes in Skid Row are related to mental illness. Brockway added that in 2013 thirty-six mentally ill people were responsible for 360 crimes in Skid Row. Brockway reported that he applied for a grant through the Mayor's office to fund two LAHSA outreach workers, officers are receiving mental health training, and as a result of coordinating with County probation 8 people have been located.**

**Newton Area Senior Lead Officer Mark Hyland reported that Captain Jorge Rodrigues is the new captain for Newton area. Hyland also shared that myla311.com works better and faster for reporting illegal dumping or other issues that are City related. Finally, Hyland stated that he is working with DWP to illuminate poorly lit areas that are magnets for criminal activity.**

## **VII. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE**

**Lopez reported the following:**

- a. Planning Study cost- \$49,000, secured two other funding sources to defray the cost of the study. CD14 is contributing \$10,000 and The City's Economic and Workforce Development department will contribute \$15,000. AECOM will lead the effort and the study is projected to be complete June/July 2015.**
- b. Penalosa Mexican Restaurant- applied for a CUE to sale alcohol. Restaurant is right outside of the BID's boundaries, and close to two adult entertainment establishments that do not sell alcohol. This area is prevalent for alcohol related issues, prostitution, and loitering. Many of these issues travel into DID boundaries. The**

**BID just recently learned of the application, late in the process, but was able to provide a letter to the Zoning Administrator opposing the CUE before the decision was rendered.**

**Rauch made a motion to approve the letter of opposition re: Penalosa Mexican Restaurant CUE, and Bhavnani seconded. The Board unanimously approved.**

#### **VIII. COUNCIL DISTRICT 14 CANDIDATE- COUNCILMEMBER JOSE HUIZAR**

**Huizar spoke about some of the issues/concerns in CD14 and Skid Row in particular, and shared his vision for the district if he wins the election.**

**Huizar took questions from the board and members of the public.**

#### **IX. NEXT MEETING**

**TBD**

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT-12pm**